

GENERAL MAAS FLEES FROM VERA CRUZ

AND TAKES HIS FAMILY WITH HIM

His Command Scattered Over City Officerless—Mexican Loss is Great, But Unknown—Did Not Take City For Fear of Harm to American Residents.—American in Control of Situation.—Landing Force at Water Front and in the Vicinity of Consulate.—Vera Cruz Will Be Bombarded Today if Further Resistance is Shown.

Vera Cruz, April 22.—General Maas, commander of the Mexican forces here, is reported to have fled the city with his family. Many city officials have also fled. What is left of Gen. Maas' command is scattered throughout the city officerless to do as they please.

Four dead and twenty injured is still the American casualty total, with Mexican loss much greater but unknown. Americans would have taken the city's center but feared harm to the American refugees in hotels on the main plaza.

HALF OF VERA CRUZ IN AMERICAN POSSESSION

Three Thousand Blue Jackets and Marines Sweeping Forward

Washington, April 22.—More than half of Vera Cruz reported to be in possession of American forces by Consul Canada is the report sent to the President at 11:40. Three thousand American bluejackets and marines are sweeping forward in formation extended far, driving all Mexicans before them out of the city. Consul Canada said that all Vera Cruz would be in our possession by noon. He also reported that the first and section section of train from Mexico City, carrying women and children refugees, had reached Vera Cruz safely, before fighting began yesterday. Most of these refugees are in hotels and all are safe. The big customs warehouse caught fire during the fighting but the flames were extinguished.

Alleged Kidnapers Will Not Be Returned to State

Asheville, April 21.—That Mrs. Bettie Hutchinson and Miss Corrie Tuttle, charged with the kidnaping of Bettie Edna Cole, the 5-year-old daughter of E. C. Cole, will not be brought back to North Carolina to answer to the charges preferred against them was announced yesterday following the receipt of a message from Sheriff Charles F. Williams, who is now in the State of Washington. The communication from the officer was to the effect that the Governor of Washington, Ernest Lister, has refused to honor requisition papers issued by Governor Craig several days ago holding that the charges against the women are not such as to warrant the honoring of the papers.

Anti-American Riots Advised Against

Galveston, Tex., April 22.—A radio message, received from Dr. Tabor, United States Public Health officer at Puerto, Mexico, advised that anti-American riots have occurred in that port with destruction of American and British property. Dr. Tabor has taken refuge aboard the steamship Dakotian.

REFORMED CHURCH OF THE STATE TO MEET

Eighty-Fourth Annual Session Will Be Held in Ursinus Church Beginning April 29

The 84th annual session of the classis of North Carolina of the Reformed Church of the United States will be held in Ursinus Reformed Church at Rockwell April 29 to May 3. The program follows:

Wednesday, April 29, 8 p. m.—Devotional services, Rev. A. F. Nace, sermon by retiring president, Rev. J. D. Andrews; holy communion in charge of Rev. L. A. Peeler.

Thursday, April 30, 8 p. m.—Rev. W. B. Werner presiding; devotional services, Rev. D. C. Cox; "The Influence of Prayer Upon the Heavenly Father," Rev. Shuford Peeler.

Friday, May 1, 11 a. m.—Devotional services, Rev. H. G. Kopenhagen; home missions, Rev. C. E. Schaeffer, D. D.; 8 p. m., Dr. J. M. L. Lyerly, presiding; devotional services, Rev. B. L. Stanley; exercises by the children of Nazareth orphan home; "The Ideals of the Home," Mrs. J. W. Bell.

Saturday, May 2, 8 p. m.—Rev. J. H. Keller, presiding; devotional services, Rev. J. A. Palmer; missionary aggressiveness, Rev. A. S. Peeler; "The Sunday School and Its Great Mission," Rev. J. B. Swartz.

Sunday, May 3, 10 a. m.—Sunday school address, Rev. D. E. Bowers; 11 a. m., devotional services, Rev. J. W. Bell; sermon, Rev. W. W. Rowe; 3 p. m., devotional services, Rev. C. W. Warlick; sermon, Rev. Wm. H. McNairy.

The day sessions will be occupied with business.

Tar Heel Congressmen Favor Spanking Huerta

Washington, April 21.—The North Carolina delegation in Congress is supporting the President in his dealings with Huerta. Senators Simmons and Overman favor aggressive action now that Huerta has quibbled and backed and fooled so long. Senator Simmons thinks that the old dictator wants to save his face by teasing the United States to invade Mexico so that Villa will not get him. This is the opinion of many men in Congress. Huerta has more faith in the United States than in Villa. He has less fear of Uncle Sam's soldiers than of Villa's. He would rather President Wilson would take his beautiful eye that for Villa to sack it.

There is much interest in the Mexican situation here. The Senate and House are more warlike than the President. They would act faster and more strenuously if the President did not hold them back. Cool-headed, deliberate and clever President Wilson is moving slowly but surely. He would rather not have to go to the mat with Huerta. He has tried to keep out of war with the old Indian.

Diaz Wouldn't Comment

Monte Carlo, April 22.—General Porfirio Diaz, formerly Mexican dictator, has come here to recover from effects of an attack of grippe.

Convalescence of the general, who is nearly 84, is progressing normally, although he is troubled with deafness. He shows great interest in the news about Mexico and besides reading all available newspapers, receives many private telegrams.

General Diaz resolutely refused to make any comment whatever upon action of the United States against Huerta when a correspondent reminded him of his often repeated remark that the circumstances under which he would return to Mexico would be when peace had been established there or when his country was attacked by a foreign power.

Some time ago General Diaz urged Huerta to retire in favor of some one who could obtain the confidence of all factions in the country.

Want Governor Blessie in Front of Lina

Statesville Landmark.

Gov. Blessie, of South Carolina, wired President Wilson Sunday night that the South Carolina National Guard "and as many other men as you need" were ready to go to Mexico and that he (Blessie) would go at the head of the South Carolina troops when the call is made. If troops have to be sent to Mexico we hope the President will let Blessie go and will see to it that he gets well on the front of the firing line. The people who profess so much zeal to fight should have the opportunity.

COURT CASES

Charles Pharr Is Being Tried For His Life on Charge of Criminal Assault—Other Cases

The case of Charles Pharr, who is being tried for his life on the charge of criminally assaulting Idella Pearson, a seven-year-old colored girl, was started this morning a few minutes before 12 o'clock. A special venire of 25 was summoned but the jury was selected before the venire was exhausted, seven of the venire and five of the regular jurors composed the jury.

Solicitor Clement and Mr. W. G. Means represent the State and Messrs. M. H. Caldwell and G. A. Carver, the defendant. There are a number of witnesses in the case and evidence will not likely be concluded before court adjourns for the day.

The case of Monroe Starnes, charged with keeping a disorderly house near Gibson mill, which was started yesterday afternoon, was concluded this morning and the jury returned a verdict of guilty. Sentence has not been imposed.

Frank Stafford, colored, was found not guilty of the charge of selling cocaine. The jury in the case of Jesse Koonce, charged with selling liquor, returned a verdict of not guilty.

ACTION OF WHISKY DEALERS

Policy of Mail Order Whiskey Houses Exposed

Greensboro Record.

It was an illiterate, hard working blacksmith in this country who said there were so many ways to be a fool it was a hard matter to miss them all. Illustrations are seen often. A Kentucky mail order whiskey house wrote to the Keeley Institute at Dwight, Ill., offering to sell a list of regular customers and liquor users. "Our customers are your prospective patients," began the letter with astounding frankness. "We can put on your mailing desk a list of over 50,000 individual customers of liquor. The list is a result of thousands of dollars of advertising. Each individual on the list is a regular user of liquor. The list of names is now live and active. We know, because we have circulated it regularly."

This letter caught the eye of The Columbia State and it proceeds to make a few remarks, to-wit:

Two things stand out prominently in this attempt to play this game both ways from the middle. One is that the liquor house in question, if what it says about its lists is true, is making by illegitimate methods the profit on vice and habit that persists in communities where prohibition laws are supposed to govern.

The other is that it knows its product is so vile that its continued use will prepare its user for a course in a sanitarium.

It would be hard to know who is more out-raged—the well-intentioned "Keeley Cure" or the legitimate manufacturer of whiskey who does not wish to make anything except whiskey, and who sells his product on the merit of its being an honest alcoholic poison in more or less general use.

We hold no brief for liquor, but we do have a warning for the public everywhere, so far as we can influence it, against listening to the lure of the "mail order" houses, with a "retailer's license," which, in the majority of cases sells, not whiskey, but a compound of oils, alcohols and varnishes which entitles every user to the services of a Keeley institute, or to the graveyard as an alternative.

And we most emphatically hold that there should be in the control of this matter by the Federal government some better standard of purity than that announced by President Taft, that "Whiskey is Whiskey."

When it comes from a whiskey "Mail Order House" it is, often, anything else!

No doubt this is quite true, but The State does not go far enough. Adulteration of whiskey has been a common practice even with blockaders for years. Revenue officers will tell you that around stills they have captured were found wagon loads of empty cans that had contained concentrated extract of lye. It is used to give the liquor a "head" and also gives it a "fery taste," calculated to make the drinker believe it is simply new, strong liquor. Concentrated lye is used for washing type in most all printing offices. Get it on the hands and they "swivel" up as if parched. Think of this stuff going into the stomach!

Farmers' Institutes Will Be Held Only Where Asked For

Director T. B. Palmer of the farmers' institute of the State Department of Agriculture announces a new policy this season in the holding of institutes. This is that there will be institutes hereafter only in those localities in which the people petition for them. Heretofore the institutes have been held at random and in consecutive circuits for the convenience of the parties holding institutes. Mr. Parker is writing to leading farmers in all communities to get their fellow farmers together speedily and ascertain whether or not they desire to have institutes this year.

Champ Clark must have got his dates mixed. He should have made that speech on April 1st.

BRILLIANT WEDDING LAST EVENING

MISS ASHLYN LOWE BECOMES BRIDE OF MR. J. R. CANNON

First Presbyterian Church Scene of Brilliant Event.—Ceremony Witnessed By a Large Assemblage. Many Out of Town Friends and Relatives of the Young Couple Being Present.—Wedding Followed by Reception at the Lowe Home.—Bride and Groom to Spend Their Honeymoon in Canada.

Elaborate preparations, brilliantly and charmingly executed, marked the wedding of Miss Ashlyn Lowe and Mr. J. Ross Cannon, which was solemnized at the First Presbyterian Church last evening at 8 o'clock.

As early as 7 o'clock carriages and automobiles began to arrive in front of the church. They soon filled the street, the long line extending up and down West Depot street and a number were on Spring. Inside the church the scene was a brilliant one. The commodious and handsome church was filled, the main auditorium, Sunday school rooms and tier after tier in the gallery being only sufficient to accommodate the assemblage. Many out-of-town friends from this and other States were present.

The decorations were ferns, lilacs and snailax. The rear of the pulpit and across the choir rails was lined with white and draped with snailax. A large bank of ferns dotted with lilies formed a back ground. The green and white of the drapery and ferns and snailax was added constantly by the appearance of the women in brilliant gowns, making a richness in contrast of colors.

Just preceding the ceremony Mrs. J. B. Womble sang "She Is Mine," after which the wedding march was played by Miss Lucy Lore.

First to enter were the ushers, who entered from the right and left aisles of the church, Mr. Austin Carr, of Durham, and W. A. Belden, of New York, and Mr. Henry Smith and S. C. Lowe, Jr. Next came the bridesmaids and groomsmen. The bridesmaids wore pink tulle and carried bouquets of sweet peas. They entered from the right and left aisles respectively, Miss Helen Marsh and Mr. E. C. Barnhardt, Jr., Miss Rebecca Melie, of Durham, and Mr. I. C. Lowe, of Charlotte, Miss Dora Grier, of Fort Mill, S. C., and Mr. Fred Williams, of New York, Miss Lucie Stokes, of Durham and Mr. Frank L. Smith. Next came the flower girls, Margaret Virginia Ervin and Elizabeth Black, dressed in white with pink sashes, and carrying baskets of cut flowers. They were followed by the dames of honor, Mesdames E. T. Cannon, A. S. Brower, of Raleigh, and E. J. Kyriash, of Charlotte, wearing white tulle and carrying bouquets of sweet peas. The maid of honor, Miss Laura McGill Cannon, wearing pink tulle and carrying white roses, then entered, followed by the ring bearer, little Miss Edna Parrish, of Charlotte. The groom and his best man, Mr. M. L. Cannon, entered from the side aisle, and the bride, wearing a handsome gown of ivory satin with princess lace and court train and veil caught with orange blossoms, entered from center aisle on the arm of her father, Mr. S. J. Lowe. Her only ornament was a handsome diamond pin, the gift of the groom. She was met at the altar by the groom and the ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. J. M. Grier, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church.

The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Lowe. By her charming manner and exceptional beauty she has won a large circle of friends and is a decided social favorite. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cannon. He was formerly engaged in the textile business here; being vice-president of the Cabarrus mill but moved to New York last year and is connected with the export offices of the Cannon mills there.

Following the wedding there was a reception at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Lowe, on Grove street. The home was prettily decorated, the color schemes being carried out with most pleasing effect, the parlor in white, hall in purple, with wisteria and lilacs, and the dining room in pink. The guests were received at the front door by Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Lowe and the bride and groom received in the parlour scores showered them with congratulations and good wishes. Mesdames E. A. Moss, E. J. Ervin and R. K. Black received in the dining room, where sandwiches and coffee were served by several attractive little Misses, Lucy Richmond Leitz, Margaret Virginia Ervin, Annie Smoot and Elizabeth Black. Punch was poured by Mrs. Alfred S. Brower and Mrs. E. T. Cannon.

Following the reception a dance was given at the Elks' Home in honor of the attendants at the wedding, the hours being 10:30 to 1:30.

Mr. and Mrs. Cannon left on train

VERA CRUZ TAKEN BY ADMIRAL FLETCHER

Four Americans Killed and Twenty Wounded—Two Hundred Mexicans Killed

Washington, April 21. Marines and bluejackets of the American navy today took the customs house and a large section of Vera Cruz with a loss of four killed and 20 wounded. The loss of the Mexican garrison was not officially shown here tonight, but was estimated at 200 killed. This was the first step in the programme of reprisal by the United States against the Huerta government for the arrest of American bluejackets at Tampico and other offenses against the rights and dignity of the United States.

It was the first clash between forces of the United States and Mexico since the revolution broke out in the southern republic in 1910, and gave the Washington government a Mexican problem.

Though fighting had not ceased at a late hour tonight, Rear Admiral Fletcher had warned the federal commander that he would use the big guns of the American fleet if his men did not stop firing. The American forces had orders to fire only to defend themselves. The United States intends to take no offensive steps for the present. The salute to the flag which Huerta refused will not be satisfactory reparation. It is understood a declaration of apology as well as a salute and a guarantee that the rights and dignity of the United States will be respected can alone cause a withdrawal of the American forces.

While American marines and bluejackets were fighting the Senate debated the whole Mexican situation before crowded galleries. The joint resolution that passed the House supporting the President's proposal to use the army and navy to obtain reparation was being debated in the Senate at midnight with prospect of an all night session. Many Republican Senators wanted the resolution broadened to authorize steps to obtain reparation for all offenses committed against Americans in Mexico.

Mr. Isenhour Buys Brick Plant

Durham Sun.

The Fitzgerald brick plant, in West Durham, has been sold to R. Isenhour, of Salisbury. A number of improvements are being made and the plant will be equipped to turn out 25,000 first class hard building brick every working day in the year. This output will go far toward rebuilding a bigger, more beautiful Durham. The improvements will include the construction of a bery of modern down draft kilns. Mr. T. A. Howell, of Spencer, will superintend the operation of the plant.

Mr. Isenhour is interested in two other brick plants and the Durham plant makes the third to be acquired by him and his associates. He is well remembered in Durham as the former city editor of the Sun.

A big comedy at The Pastime today.

No. 32 for Canada on their honeymoon, which will embrace visits to a number of Canadian cities and points of interest, after which they will make their home in New York.

Among the out-of-town guests here for the wedding were: Mr. I. C. Lowe, Mrs. L. V. Lowe, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Parrish and Edna Parrish, Charlotte; Mesdames Rebecca Melie and Lucy Stokes and Mr. Austin Carr, of Durham; Miss Emma Ross Leslie and Messrs. W. A. Barren and Fred Williams, of New York; Mrs. J. B. Douglas and Miss Louise Ludlow, of Winston-Salem; Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Hill, of Thomasville; Mrs. O. D. King and Miss Theresia King, of Albemarle; Miss Dora Grier, of Fort Mill, S. C.; Mr. Alfred S. Brower, of Raleigh; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wadsworth, Mr. and Mrs. George P. Wadsworth, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Mackie, Mrs. J. C. Patton, Miss Margaret Reese, Miss Dawson, of Charlotte; Mr. C. J. Lowe, Jr., of Fishburne Military School, Waynesboro, Va.; Dr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald, of Richmond, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lindsay Ross, of Shelby; Mrs. J. F. Hurley, of Salisbury; Miss Marie Starr, of Philadelphia.

GENERAL YOUNG HAS NO ORDERS

Adjutant General Has Received No Notice to Mobilize State Troops

News and Observer.

No orders so far have been received by Adjutant-General L. W. Young to mobilize the military troops of North Carolina, but last night reiterated his previous statement that the State troops were in readiness to be pressed into service on a few hours' notice.

Telegrams and letters continue to pour into his office from captains of companies in various parts of the State, and in nearly every instance the information is that every enlisted man is ready to go to the front.

A telegram was received last night by General Young from the captain of the military company at Rialsville, stating that a meeting was held there last night, and that every member of the company has re-enlisted and had offered his services to the country if called upon. And similar information has come from other portions of the State.

That the seizure late yesterday afternoon of a detachment of cavalrymen by a number of soldiers just before the harbor in the State of Arizona drew a new light on the situation was admitted by many last night and it trouble arises in that section troops may be called for. It is believed, however, that there is but little to fear from that source, and Adjutant-General Young stated that he had received no orders whatever from the war department.

SHELLING VERA CRUZ

Knocking Down Houses Where Mexican Have Taken Refuge.—Demand That Firing on Marines Be Stopped

Vera Cruz, April 22.—The combined fleets of Admirals Fletcher and Belder are shelling Vera Cruz and knocking down houses where Mexican snipers have taken refuge, in the pick of American marines. The lighter guns of vessels are being used in the bombardment which started at eight o'clock this morning after Admiral Fletcher sent ultimatum to the mayor and officials remaining in the city. He demanded that firing on the marines cease, and that homes be repaired. The consul estimated casualties in yesterday's fighting between one hundred and a hundred and fifty.

Cruiser Comes in For Repairs

Charleston, S. C., April 22.—With her propeller blade broken, the cruiser Tacoma is making for this port for repairs, according to a wireless received today.

Ordered to Mexican Waters

Washington, April 22.—The third division of the Atlantic fleet, now at Boston, has been ordered to sail for Mexico April 25th.

If the Mexican revolutionists succeed in capturing Tampico they may be able to pour some of Lord Goddard's oil on the troubled waters.

PRESIDENT IS IN ABSOLUTE CHARGE

ACTION AT VERA CRUZ SPURS SENATE

Passes By Vote of Seventy-two to Thirteen.—Grave Fears Felt for Safety of Americans in Mexico.—Nothing Heard From Carranza on American Invasion.—Expected That Huerta Will Declare War.—Will Appeal to Foreign Powers for Help.

Washington, April 22.—Congress placed the President in sole and absolute charge of hostilities against Mexico. The resolution "justifying" his course and giving him unlimited power to use every martial force passed both Senate and House and was sent to him for his approval at 10:30 o'clock today.

Congress expects that a resolution declaring war will soon follow. The House passed the resolution by viva voce vote, and a very feeble chorus of "noes" was drowned in the thunderous volume of "yesses." Less than half an hour was required for summary action in the House.

Washington, April 22.—At 3:20 this morning the Senate passed the justifying resolution 72 to 13. The bloodshed at Vera Cruz spurred the Senate to this action. There are grave fears felt for the safety of the 4,000 Americans in Mexico.

No word as to the attitude of Carranza, the rebel chief, toward the American invasion has been received.

President Wilson alone hopes that a general war may be averted. It is expected that Huerta will declare war first, and then appeal to foreign powers for help against the United States. It is diplomatically reported that Huerta has requested Bryan to withdraw Charge O'Shaughnessy.

German Ambassador Calls on Secretary Bryan

Washington, April 22.—The German Ambassador called on Secretary Bryan at 11:30 this morning at Mr. Bryan's request. It is assumed that Secretary Bryan desired to formally communicate the circumstances of the seizure of the munitions of German vessel.

Mr. S. W. Helms and nephew, Horace Helms, of Union county, made a discovery a few days ago that will make rifle hunters envious. They unearthed with a plow a nest of Indian arrow heads containing 120 good specimens. They were in a field that had been cultivated for twenty years but were in a place that had washed out some near the surface.

Canada may have a high plateau regard for the United States but it has raised its tariff on steel.

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